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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I am writing this column from warm and sunny Southern California. Our Historian and I came out to visit our youngest daughter and family who have recently moved to the Oceanside area. While we were here, we took the opportunity to visit a number of fellow TNA members residing on the west coast. We were also privileged to attend a meeting of the Upland (CA) Coin Club. This club has been active since the 1950's that I know of and is the first coin club I joined when I became a collector. To that club and its early officers (some of which are now TNA members) go the credit for my continued interest in collecting and numismatics. I am always searching for innovative ideas and programs that will be of interest to our Chapters in the hopes that interest and attendance will improve.

The Upland Coin Club is a pleasant place to visit. The folks are warm and friendly and very relaxed and their interest is in education and enjoyment. I attended on a night when well-known numismatist William Wislead presented an illustrated program on "Ships on Coins." He highlighted his presentation by showing a number of coins and nautical items pertaining to aircraft carriers. He joined the Navy in 1931 and made sailing his career. I have known and admired Bill for over 25 years but did

not know that the "old salt" had served on an aircraft carrier during World War II as did our 1st Vice President, Mac Kennady, and I. In addition to his well-received presentation, some club members brought displays or exhibits to supplement and enhance the evening's educational program. Each exhibitor stood up and said a few words about their particular exhibit. The speaker was presented with a nice plaque and the others were given additional tickets for raffle prizes. It was a great time of sharing and it certainly was entertaining and educational. I'd certainly like to see more of that type of activity instead of the stereotypical auction only found in so many clubs currently. I was very pleased by the evening's activities and wondered what each of us could do to move our clubs into a more active force within the hobby. Club meetings should be fun to attend. They should be social events as well as educational but they must be interesting and fun. Otherwise, why would anyone want to give up the comfort of their home and family to attend?

I would give my eye teeth for a simple solution that would enable our Chapters to lure former members and sporadic attendees back to the fold. I am greatly disappointed that so many clubs have disbanded and that others are suffering from

poor attendance and lack of motivation. I always have a great time at every club meeting because I am with people whom I like and who have the same interests that I do. I also like to learn and I can't remember ever attending a club meeting anywhere that I did not learn something I did not know or become motivated to learn more about some particular subject. Apparently, not all coin club members have a desire to learn or to share their knowledge with others. Since we are beginning a new year, let's all resolve to improve our attendance to our local clubs. Let's support our officers and do whatever we can to advance the greatest hobby in the world. Our clubs can only be as good as we wish to make them. Volunteer to help. Become involved. If you don't like the way the club is currently being operated, say so. Better yet, become an officer of the club and

take part in operating it in the manner you think would be best. We must make our clubs interesting and pleasant to attend. We need to attract our youth. What are we doing to get our young people interested and involved in our hobby? Who will purchase your coins or who will want your estate when you pass if we don't bring new folks, particularly our youth, into the hobby?

Nominations for elected officers of this Association for the next two years are now closed. Future issues of the **NEWS** will identify all of the candidates and their views. Please take the upcoming election seriously. It is your Association and your vote counts. Pick the candidates whom you feel would do the best job of administering this Association and then support them. Promote them to others and then be sure to vote when you receive your ballot.

NOTE TO CLUBS!!

Does your coin club issue a newsy Newsletter? Does it keep members posted on what's going on in your area and surrounding cities or across the state? Does it keep you informed of meeting dates, and special occasions planned for the club? If so, gather up a copy of each issue published in 1990 and send to Raymond E. Whyborn, TNA president, and enter the "Best Club Newsletter" contest. This TNA award was suggested by Chris Johns, TNA secretary, and the first one was given at the 1990 TNA convention. Winner was Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio with the monthly "Gatepost," Frank Galindo, editor. Send the entry for your club to President Whyborn, who will appoint a committee to review them and select a winner. His address is 411 W. Reiman, Seymour, Texas 76380-2439. It must reach him by February 1, 1991. Hurry!

THE NATIONAL BANKS OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

By Frank Clark
Carrollton, Texas

Grapevine is a town northwest of Fort Worth in North Tarrant County. It is on the edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. It is rapidly growing now because of this proximity to the airport. However, at the turn of the century it was a slower-paced community. The town had a total of three national banks. All of the banks were located on Main Street. This article will introduce them to you along with some of their bank notes.

The Grapevine National Bank was chartered on June 19, 1900 with Charter Number 5439. This was the town's first bank and its capital was \$25,000. The bank voluntarily liquidated itself on December 31, 1918. It was succeeded by the Grapevine Home Bank. Presently, the former building for the bank has been remodeled on the inside and the current occupants are a drug store and a rural artist studio. The bank issued only second charter notes. These included \$10 and \$20 brown backs, \$10 and \$20 date backs and \$10 and \$20 value backs. The total amount of circulation issued was \$192,150 and the amount outstanding at close was \$25,000.

The Farmers National Bank of Grapevine was chartered in August

1906 with Charter Number 8318. Its capital was \$30,000. This bank voluntarily liquidated itself also. This was on December 28, 1927. The Farmers National issued only third charter notes and these were \$10 and \$20 red seals, \$10 and \$20 date backs and \$10 and \$20 plain backs. The total amount of circulation issued was \$593,350. The amount outstanding at close was \$9,570.

The Tarrant County National Bank of Grapevine was chartered in May 1925 with Charter Number 12708. It had a capital of \$50,000. When the previous mentioned Farmers National closed it was absorbed by the Tarrant County National on December 28, 1927. This bank issued only small size national bank notes. These were \$5, \$10 and \$20 Type One notes and \$5, \$10 and \$20 Type Two notes. The total amount of circulation issued was \$123,730. When the National Bank Note Program was closed in July 1935 the total amount outstanding for the bank was \$38,650.

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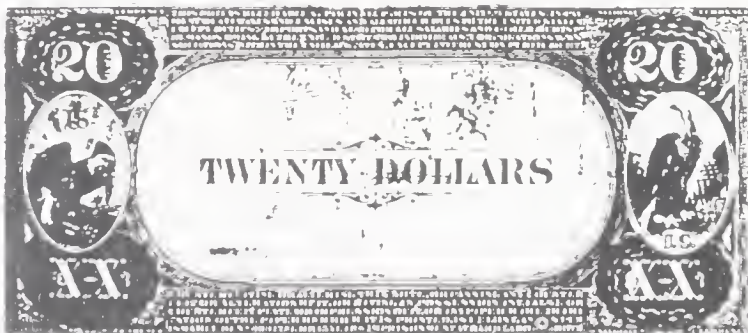
Plans for decimal coinage by Robert Morris were okayed in 1782 and in 1837 there was a revision and standardization of coinage laws.

The gold coins of England in the 15th century were known as "Angels" as they depicted St. Michael (not St. George) defeating Satan.

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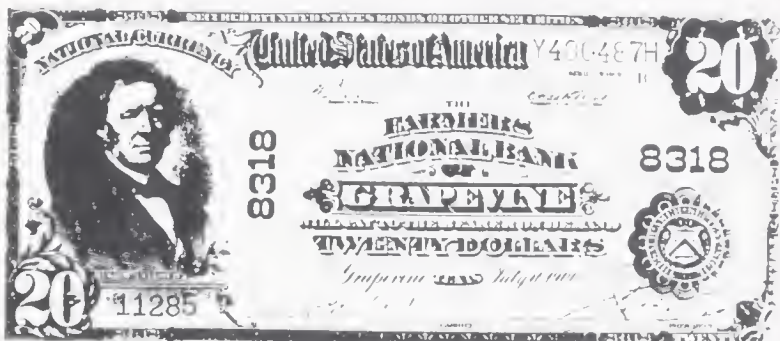


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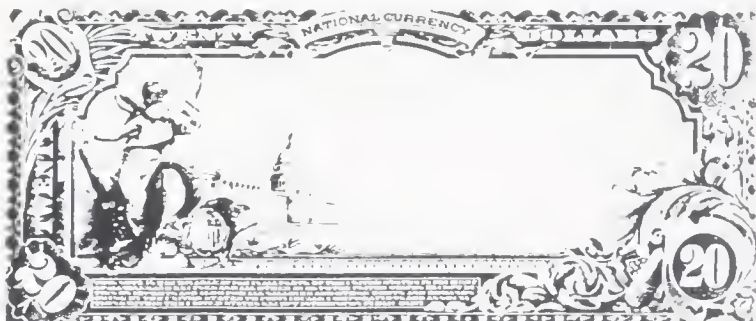


Back of the above note. This type of National is known as a "Value Back" since the denomination is spelled out on the back of the note. All Texas Value Backs are scarce.

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Asked a Friend or Acquaintance
To Join TNA?**



Face of \$20 Third Charter Plain Back on the Farmers National Bank of Grapevine.



Back of the Above Note.

DURST UNCOVERS SCARCE BOOKS

Hidden in the bottom of a closet just waiting for numismatic book dealer Sanford J. Durst were close to 100 copies of Gary Beals' "Numismatic Terms of Spain and Spanish America."

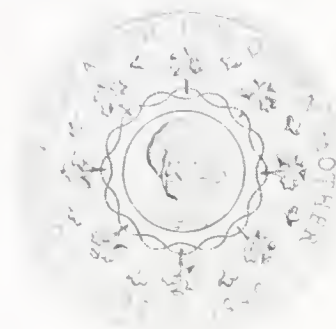
Written and self published by Beals in 1966, the books were limited to 1,000 copies and all numbered and autographed by Beals.

The book is just under 100 pages, well illustrated and is in the English language. It lists over 1,000 terms used in relation to Spanish World Numismatics and includes Appendices of Rulers of the Spanish

World; mints of Spain and South America; comparative values of obsolete Spanish coins, coinage materials, Spanish colonial mint officials; Spanish coin grading and a bibliography. The book covers all numismatic interests — coins, medals, tokens, paper money, odd and curious money, weights, scrip, proclamation pieces, etc.

"Numismatic Terms of Spain and South America" is available from Sanford J. Durst, 2928 41st Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. Write for more information.

FALKLAND ISLANDS JOIN IN 90TH BIRTHDAY FETE



A 4-coin Gold Proof Set from the Falkland Islands is the latest addition to the popular series of commemoratives struck by the British Royal Mint, marking the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Struck in .999 fine gold, the set is the Falkland Islands first gold proof set in 16 years and the Islands' only issue to be struck in .999 fineness. A limited mintage of only 750 sets has been authorized.

The Falkland Islands has also authorized the striking of a Silver Proof Crown with a legal tender face value of five pounds and a worldwide issue limit of 10,000 pieces.

A beloved figure, not just in Britain but around the world, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, has performed a lifetime of public service. For sixteen of those years she was Queen Consort to King George VI, including the years of World War II when, refusing to leave London, the couple were an inspiration to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth. Her 90th birthday, on August 4, 1990,

was another milestone in a wonderful life.

Born Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the 14th Earl of Strathmore, she married Prince Albert, Duke of York, in 1923. Three years later the future Queen of England, the Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was born. There was little thought of the Prince, second son of George V, becoming King, but the abdication in 1936 of elder brother Edward (VIII), Duke of Windsor, meant that the throne was thrust upon him. Choosing his fourth Christian name, King George VI was crowned on May 12, 1937.

The Falkland Islands Gold Frosted Proof Set contains four legal tender coins with values of £100, £50, £25 and £10. None of the pieces are available individually. Two different reverse designs are featured in the set with the £100 and £25 bearing a cameo portrait of the Queen Mother encircled by two strings of pearls intertwined and surrounded by a decorative ar-

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from the 1st vice president

Texas Numismatic Association, Inc.

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Dear Fellow Members — Well, that jolly, portly, bewhiskered gentleman who, the legend tells us, lives at the North Pole, and dresses in a white trimmed red suit, has made his annual deliveries to all the good folks of all ages. To collectors of numismatic material he often leaves some of those special requests made by us of those to whom we are dear. I surely hope that each of you was remembered most fondly by the jovial gentleman and that you will continue during the coming months to add to your numismatic holdings.

Back in the days during which I was TNA President some of you probably got quite weary of reading my frequent requests to pay your dues when you get your dues notice. I'm going to tire you some more by asking that you get your dues paid now, if you have not already done so, and send them to the TNA secretary, Chris Johns. For about 13 years I lived with the TNA secretary (not Chris, hut Eleanor) so I have a better idea than most of how hard these ladies have to work to keep TNA's records complete and accurate. One way each of us can help is by paying your dues when they are due and not waiting until you get a second or third notice. If you don't get your dues paid promptly you will wind up having your name removed from the mailing list

and the active-member rolls. Then, after two or three months, you will be writing to Chris, or Miriam or Ray asking why you have not received your copy of the **TNA NEWS** for the last couple of months, or so. Then, at least two of those three officers will have to correspond with each other to try to get an answer and to resolve the problem. Then, one of them will write a letter to you explaining the circumstances. Then, in all likelihood, you will want the back copies of the **TNA NEWS**. This requires extra effort on the part of our already over-worked officers. (If you are not by now out of breath and tired of all this hard reading and work you have been doing then you really don't understand what a chore it is when folks don't pay their dues on time.)

Wouldn't life be so much simpler if everyone did what he is supposed to do and did it in a punctual manner? As shown above, if you don't pay your dues in a timely manner you surely do cause a lot of extra work for your officers and your Association considerable extra expense. **BE KIND, PLEASE, TO THOSE WHO WORK SO HARD FOR YOU AND HELP THEM BY PAYING YOUR DUES ON TIME!**

I hope you and your loved ones have a marvelous and healthy 1991

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There is no such thing as knowing too much, but one can always be accused of knowing too little or not knowing enough. Education is the key to knowledge and the future is YOUTH.

In the October issue of the **TNA News** our president, Raymond Whyborn, shared with us the information on the newly revised American Numismatic Association's Correspondence Course. The course is being offered through the ANA's School of Numismatics and it is titled "Introduction to Numismatics: An ANA Correspondence Course." The course will cost adult TNA members \$49 and junior TNA members \$30 when ordered through our organization.

One of our TNA members, Richard L. Gilbert of Livingston, Texas, read the presidential message in the October issue and decided to enroll in the ANA Correspondence Course by means of the TNA. He also made a donation to sponsor the ANA Course for one of our junior members.

I would like to thank Mr. Gilbert for his kind consideration and special contributions to our junior organization. Many adults tend to forget our junior members and precisely how important it is to help them as much as possible. Our junior members are so important to our organization because they will

become the leaders of tomorrow.

Our TNA organization has a fund to send a deserving TNA junior member to the ANA Summer Seminar. The ANA Summer Seminar is a wonderful seven days (one week) spent in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Headquarters of the world's largest organization for collectors of coins, tokens, medals and paper money.

The students will eat, sleep, think and study numismatics. The ANA Summer Seminar offers educational courses in various topics in numismatics such as: Coin Photography, Introduction to Numismatics — The lobby, Coinage of the Ancient World, Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins, Commemorative Coins and U.S. Gold, U.S. Coin Grading, Morgan and Peace Dollars and Effective Coin Club Management.

The fee for sponsoring a junior member is around \$1,000 (plus minus few dollars, due to price increases) which includes round-trip airline tickets from their hometown airport to Colorado Springs, as well as full tuition, including room and board. The hands-on experience of an ANA Summer Seminar is absolutely too valuable to be measured.

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Welcome to our new members 5561-5565. If approved, the following will become members February 1, 1991.

5566 D-06 A. L. Gay, 3910 Cherry Forest, Houston, TX 77088. General U.S. Bill Johns.

J-5567 D-07 Jennifer Galindo, P. O. Box 12217, San Antonio, TX. 78212. General U.S. Frank & Karla Galindo.

J-5568 D-07 Tyson Baumgardner, 13031 Brook Garden Lane, San Antonio, TX 78232. General. Frank &

Karla Galindo.

5569 D-04 Dan Collier, 1201 Abbey Rd., Round Rock, TX. 78681. Type, Proof and Bullion. Frank Clark.

VIPs:

Frank and Karla Galindo

Your dues notice has been mailed. Have you returned your check to the Secretary? Your promptness will be gratefully appreciated.

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Coin World's new 1991 **Guide to U.S. Coins, Prices & Value Trends** is now available in book stores and coin shops. The book is co-published by Amos Press, Inc. and New American Libraries, a division of Penguin Books U.S.A., Inc.

The Price Guide has been updated with pricing information to reflect

market conditions through August 1990. It features coin valuations by denomination, type and date in up to nine grades. It explains error coins, mintages, mysterious rarities and the history of U.S. coinage.

For more information, write Coin World, Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365.

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rangement of Pale Maiden, a flower indigenous to the Falklands. The design is modeled by British Royal Mint engraver, Robert Elderton. The Queen Mother's Coat of Arms is featured upon the reverse of the £50 and £10 gold proofs and is modeled by English sculptor Jane

McAdam, newly appointed to the Royal Mint engraving staff. All four coins share the common obverse of Raphael Maklouf's portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint, Box 2570, Woodside, NY 11377-9864, or by calling toll free 800-221-1215 (24 hours).

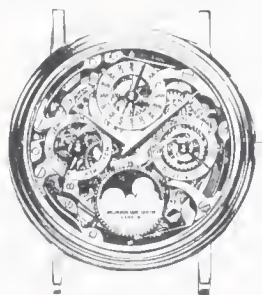
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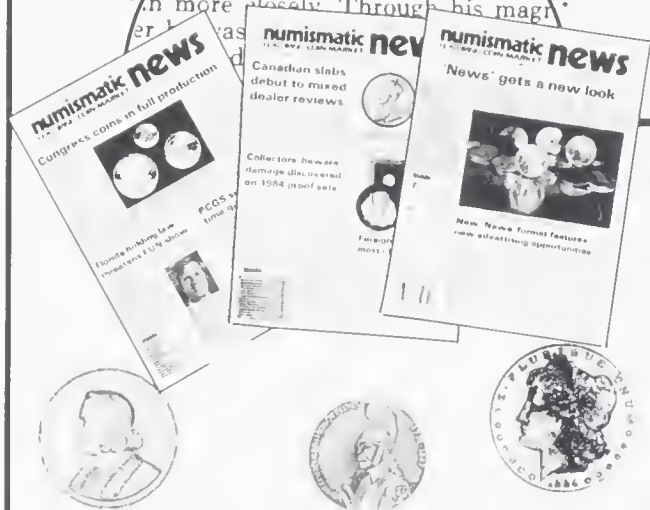
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FEBRUARY 16-17

MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, Ft. Worth. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180.

FEBRUARY 22-24

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, annual show, Rodeway Inn, El Paso. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

FEBRUARY 23-24

DALLAS COIN CLUB, coin show, Airport Inn, Irving. **CONTACT:** Paul Garner, Box 224584, Dallas 75222-4584, 214 262-4491.

MARCH 9-10

HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Hunt County Justice Center, 2700 Johnson St., Greenville. **CALL** 214/883-2091.

MARCH 16-17

INTERCONTINENTAL COIN & CARD SHOW, Airport Hilton. **CONTACT:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

MARCH 16-17

GARLAND COIN CLUB, 27th annual show, Quality Inn, Dallas Northeast, 13700 LBJ Freeway, **BOURSE:** Tim Lee, Box 851181, Richardson 75085-1181, 214 234-3929.

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MARCH 16-17

INTERCONTINENTAL COIN & CARD SHOW, Airport Hilton Inn. **WRITE:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

MARCH 23-24

WACO COIN CLUB, annual show, Waco Convention Center. **WRITE:** Club, Box 8773, Waco 76714.

MARCH 23-24

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Lubbock, Memorial Civic Center. **BOURSE:** Frank Hezmall, Box 53333, Lubbock 79453, 806/798-2919.

MARCH 30

SILSBEE COIN CLUB, Coin & Collectibles Show, Community Center, Hiway 96. **BOURSE:** Box 1676, Silsbee 77656.

MARCH 30-31

CRESCENT CITY COIN CLUB COINIVAL XXVIII, Sheraton Inn-Airport, Kenner, LA. **BOURSE:** Mrs. Pat Reno, 73191 Military Rd., Covington, LA 70433, 504 892-2874.

APRIL 5-7

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston. **WRITE:** Al Loja, 2022 Ottawa Lane, Houston 77043.

APRIL 20-21

VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB, 30th annual show, Holiday Inn. **WRITE:** Graves L. Rouse, 1502 Airline, Victoria 77901

MAY 3-5

MONROE, LA, AREA COIN CLUB, annual show, Convention Center, West Monroe, LA. **WRITE:** S.A. Kitchell, 1418 Elizabeth, West Monroe, LA. 71291.

MAY 11-12

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, Collector's Show, Coliseum. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

MAY 18-19

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, annual show, Seven Oaks Motor Hotel, 1400 Austin Hiway, **WRITE:** Club, Box 12964, San Antonio 78212-0964.

JUNE 7-9

CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB, 19th annual show, Palmer Auditorium, S. 1st & Riverside, Austin. **BOURSE:** Dick Mowrey, Box 9057, Austin 78766, 512 453-7565.

JULY 27-28

ARK-LA-TEX COIN & CARD EXPOSITION, Civic Center, 4620 Benton Rd., Bossier City, LA. **WRITE:** Shreveport Coin Club, Box 492, Shreveport, LA 71162

AUGUST 24-25

SUMMER COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, Ft. Worth. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Lock, Ft. Worth 76180.

SEPTEMBER 14-15

TYLER COIN CLUB, 11th annual show, Harvey Convention Center. **WRITE:** Club, Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

SEPTEMBER 21-22

AUSTIN TEXAS COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart, Airport Hilton, **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

A.N.A. NEEDS YOU!

Bernard Loebe of Houston is a Regional Coordinator in the ANA representative program. Barney needs interested ANA members in Texas to act as District Delegates. District Delegates are liaison between the ANA member clubs and the coordinators. Delegates are

needed for different areas of the state to be a part of the ANA program to aid clubs.

Interested persons are urged to write Bernard Loebe at 5711 Neches Houston 77026 or call (during business hours) 713 699 1412.

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Perhaps more TNA clubs and TNA members could begin to think how important our junior members are. A small contribution goes a long way. We need more people like Mr. Gilbert to have a successful junior program. The Clements

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District Meetings

DISTRICT IV —

Newly elected officers to serve the Austin Texas Coin Club took over duties at the January meeting. They are: Harry Barrette, president; Larry Smulczynski, vice president; Lyman BarTEE, secretary-treasurer; Moton Crockett III, curator; and Hall Chesner and Owen Smith, directors. Kermit Nygard is immediate past president.

At the regular meeting, Robert E. Greenwood presented a program on the U.S. Mint and the Branch Mints. References were made to some foreign mints, and to some agencies engaged in engraving and printing bank notes. Several non-money products of various mints were exhibited and one member exhibited an Australian bank note printed on plastic instead of the usual so-called rag paper.

Plans were discussed for the annual Christmas party and dinner which was held in December.

— R. E. Greenwood,
Gov. Dist. 4.



Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor

DISTRICT V —

The Flying Eagle was the first small cent issued by the U.S., according to information given during a program by Jerri Strong at the meeting of the Garland Coin Club, Inc. The mint authorized the small cent during 1856-1858 because the large copper cents were becoming increasingly unpopular as they were ugly, heavy, filthy and not legal tender.

The obverse of the Flying Eagle cent was designed by Gobrecht and the reverse, showing a wreath, was designed by Longacre. Also discussed was the Indian Head cent which was also designed by Longacre. Many believe that the model for the cent was Longacre's daughter, Sarah, but not so. The profile came from sketches of the Venus Accroupie, "Crouching Venus," one of the Greco Roman statues of Venus housed in a Philadelphia museum according to Jerri.

Bob Moore won the door prize and Tim Lee conducted the auction.

— Jim Jeska, Sec.



Frank Clark
Governor

New officers have been elected by the Dallas Coin Club and Frank Clark was chosen to serve as president. Dennis Hoelke, vice president and Barbara de Anda, secretary.

Ionia is credited with making the first coins, and China is said to have been the first to use paper money.

tary-treasurer. During other business, the club voted not to plan any coin shows following the February 1991 show as the club will be making a study of guidelines for operating shows. Tom Niederauer is preparing a format using the TNA convention guidelines.

Dennis Hoelzle gave a history of "Coin Investing," beginning in the 1850's when the large cent was abandoned and dealers went into business. ANA came along in the 1890's and offered the first opportunity for knowledge exchange. Coin prices reached phenomenal peaks in the 1930's and 1940's. Today is a buyer's market, Dennis said, but he expects silver to continue to go down because of Mexico's "dumping" and it is no longer used in photography.

— Barbara deAnda, Sec.

DISTRICT VI —

Bellaire Coin Club planned to treat members to dinner in December at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Sharpstown Mall to celebrate the holidays. This is an annual event for members.

At the December 21 regular meeting, held at Feld Park Boy Scout House, the usual fare of a numismatic auction, games and general numismatic discussion was on the agenda.

— Newsletter.



Carl Fogarty
Governor

DISTRICT VII —

Robert Lacey presented the educational program for members of the Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio and selected as his subject "Check It Out."

Robert works for the J. H. Harland Company — The Great American

Check Printer. He brought several old checks for members to see and they included some from Sears, Coca-Cola, and an old Christmas check. Robert spoke about the production of checks and other facets of the check printing business.

Only one meeting was planned for December as the club was to entertain with a holiday party and dinner at the home of Gwen and Pyron Coryell.

— The Gatepost.



Frank Gallido
Governor

DISTRICT IX —

Bill Bevers was elected president of the South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock assisted by Hanson Ling as vice president, and Bobby McMichael, secretary treasurer. Members present voted by secret ballot

to select the "Club Member of the Year." The winner was announced at the Christmas party at Jose's Restaurant. An auction was held with proceeds going to "Meals on Wheels."



E. J. Pitzer
Governor

The mint mark on the Franklin half appears just above the Liberty Bell on the reverse

Jerry Eastam gave a program on "So-Called Dollars" and displayed several pieces from his collection. Greg Cronholm, Jim Wilson and Dan McGinnes won the door prizes. An auction was held by Jim Hall and Sharon Rice for the 39 members attending the meeting.

— E. L. Pitzer,
Gov. Dist. 9.

DISTRICT XIV —

At the last two meetings of the **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley, programs were given by Pat Moore on gold prospecting in Colorado and by James White on Broken Bank Notes. He brought two albums from his collection.



Helen Snider
Governor

The club voted to give the People's Church a donation of \$100 for allowing them to use their facility all year for meetings. Twenty-seven were present for the meeting after which an auction was conducted by Rod Bates.

— Helen Snider,
Gov. Dist. 14.

The recent meeting of the **Sociedad Numismatica de Reynosa, Mexico**, was presided over by President Arnulfo Flores. There were 21 members present.

Antonio Karam gave a brief talk on the state government donating land for a club meeting building. Other clubs and organizations would join in the cost of construction. There was also discussion on a new medal for the Society.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a barbecue was held at the home of Dr. Galindo.

— Michael DiGennario,
Reporter.

DISTRICT XV —

The Coinage of Mexico was discussed by Rex Woodard at the meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club**. Rex said that the mint in Mexico City was founded in 1545 and is still in operation. He pointed out that the vast natural resources of gold and silver and artisans gives their coins their beauty and they translate a lot of their culture on the coins. In 1985, Mexico had to start minting more coins than normal to keep up with inflation but the last new coin was minted in 1988.



Dewey L. Scott
Governor

The annual Christmas party was held at J & J Steak House and two free meals were given as door prizes.

— Newsletter.

Election of officers was to take place at the meeting of **Port Arthur Coin Club** and nominated were John Barnes, president, Ken Scholm, vice president, Joe Scott, secretary, and Rick Lanclos, treasurer.

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Gary Gerald gave a program on the value of having a numismatic library. Books cover all the important aspects of collecting and the library should have some on grading, pricing, counterfeit and altered coins, commemoratives and others.

The December meeting was the annual Christmas party, this year being held at Nola's Old Santa Fe and the club picked up the tab.

— Newsletter,
Dollars & Cents.

DISTRICT XVII —

Inclement weather reduced the attendance at the meeting of the **Waco Coin Club, Inc.** but it failed to dampen the club spirit.

The club voted to hold the annual Christmas party in the private dining room of Uncle Dan's Rib House.

— J. P. Jones,
TNA Reporter.

COIN WORLD'S ALMANAC READY

The updated and completely revised "Coin World Almanac" went on sale in bookstores and coin shops in September. The sixth edition is co-published by Coin World and Pharos Books.

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statistics.

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The 752-page Almanac is available in softcover at \$15.95 and in a limited-edition hardcover at \$24.95. Orders can be sent to Coin World, Box 150, Sidney, 45365.

METAL CHANGE

The U.S. has changed the metallic content of its one cent piece many times. The first, made from 1793 to 1857, were of pure copper. From 1857 to 1864, they were 88 per cent copper and 12 per cent nickel. Then it was changed to 95 per cent copper and 5 per cent tin and zinc and this was used until 1943. The zinc-coated steel cent was born and died in 1943. It was followed in 1944

and 1945 by the Shell Case copper alloy, in which discarded bronze shell cases were mixed with pure copper to make a most acceptable alloy. In 1946, the mint again struck the pre-war bronze cents, using the same alloy until 1962. Since 1962, cents are minted from an alloy of 95 per cent copper and 5 per cent zinc, leaving out the tin.

ANA MONEY MUSEUM GOES ON THE ROAD

The American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Money Museum goes on the road in January to the Florida United Numismatists (FUN) convention in Orlando, Florida, with coins from ancient Greece — some 2,600 years old — and tokens from America's divisive Civil War — many reflecting the harshness of the times.

"Coins of the Ancient World" is a display of 360 coins of the ancient world, ranging from earliest issues of the Ionian Greeks to the first issues from the time of the Roman Empire. Developed by the late Charles T. Heaton and bequeathed to the ANA Money Museum, "Coins of the Ancient World" provides a voyage back almost to the first issues of coinage.

Coins were probably first produced about 650 B.C. in Lydia, which is now western Asiatic Turkey. The advantage of using coins over item-for-item trading and the weighing and exchanging of precious metals in the market quickly spread to Greece. The beauty and perfection seen in Grecian sculpture and architecture can be seen in the coins, many of which are considered miniature works of art.

All of the specimens in the ANA exhibit are British Museum electrotypes with an introduction and interpretation presented by ANA Museum Curator Robert W. Hoge.

American Civil War tokens, displayed in the exhibit titled "Not One Cent: Tokens of the War Between the States," provides insights into the commerce and social life

during those turbulent times. The 150-specimen exhibit shows how tokens were used during the mid-19th Century wartime economy that played havoc with the finances and purchasing power of the divided nation.

Government bond issues and bank loans failed to stem the severe inflation of the times, and panic-driven hoarding of gold, silver and copper coinage forced small change to disappear from circulation almost immediately in the South and by 1862 in the North.

Developed in honor of the late numismatist Virginia Culver, the first woman president of the ANA and a collector of Civil War tokens, this display includes specimens which were issued with a variety of values, such as "Not One Cent" and "IOU 1 Cent," among others. Collectors now classify the tokens in two major categories: Patriotic Tokens, which have a variety of slogans, quotations and imagery relating to the politics, military fervor and traditions of the time, and Merchants' Store Cards, which often combined the patriotic slogans with advertising.

The exhibit "Coins of the Ancient World" is available for display by ANA member clubs at state and local shows, and by qualified institutions. For more information about the exhibits and their availability, contact the American Numismatic Association, Museum Curator, 815 North Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3179.

HOUSTON IS PREPARING FOR 1991 CONVENTION

Members of the Greater Houston Coin Club are working on plans for hosting the 1991 convention of the Texas Numismatic Association, Inc., according to Charles Templeton, publicity and advertising chairman, and club president.

The convention will be held April 5, 6, 7 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Drive at Westheimer, in Houston. Al Loja is the general chairman.

The bourse chairman is Sonny Toupard and for information on table reservations you should write him at TNA, Box 1022, Crosby 77532.

In charge of exhibits is Gerald Kendall and applications to exhibit can be obtained from him at Box 55545, Houston 77055. Exhibit ca-

tegories are United States coins, U.S. paper money, obsolete paper money issued in the U.S., foreign coins after 1,500 A.D., coins issued prior to 1,500, world paper money, medals, tokens and specialized. Junior exhibits are most welcome.

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1. Name of club and how many members do you have?
2. When and where are club meetings held?
3. Types of programs usually held.
4. Describe any special programs held during the year.
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6. Do you have numismatic exhibits at your club meetings, and or, has your club exhibited at any special events or functions? Please list and describe the occasion of any special exhibiting your club has done during the year.
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9. During the past year, did your club or any member, have any special honor bestowed?
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11. During the past year what has your club done to encourage junior membership and participation in numismatics.
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Guatemala, one of the republics of Central America, named a denomination for the quetzal, the bird that appears on the coin. The issue lasted only two years, and Guatemala uses the peso as its main denomination now

The simple design and crude execution of many local colonial coins invited counterfeiting. A commonly counterfeited coin was the New England Shilling

ANA SEEKS EXHIBITS FOR 1991 CONVENTION

Numismatic exhibits are sought for display at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG) Early Spring Convention at the Dallas InfoMart, March 1-3, 1991.

The non-competitive exhibits from ANA members will be displayed along with a traveling collection of monetary tokens from the American Civil War. Titled "Not One Cent: Tokens of the War Between the States," this exhibit illustrates how substitute currencies were used in the North and South during this divisive war.

Developed in honor of the late numismatic Virginia Culver, the first woman president of the ANA and collector of Civil War tokens, the collection provides insights into the commerce and social life during those turbulent times."

The 150-specimen exhibit shows how the tokens were used during the mid-19th Century wartime economy that played havoc with the finances and purchasing power of the divided nation.

Government bond issues and bank loans failed to stem the severe inflation, and panic-driven hoarding of gold, silver and copper coinage forced small change to disappear from circulation almost immediately in the South and by 1862 in the North. To ease the small change shortage during the war, private tokens were issued — many of them struck with the value of "Not One Cent" and "IOU 1 Cent" among others.

The Union government passed

laws in 1862 and 1864 outlawing the issue and use of tokens, but with little effect. Token use remained strong until the late stages of the war, when the weight and metal content of official U.S. coinage was reduced and sufficient quantities of paper currency were produced.

Collectors divide the tokens into two major categories: Patriotic Tokens, which usually carried a variety of slogans, quotations and imagery relating to the politics, military fervor and traditions of the time; and Merchants' Store Cards, which often combined the patriotic slogans with advertising for the merchant issuing them.

One of the most famous of the Patriotic Tokens carried a slogan inspired by Secretary of the Treasury John A. Dix, who, angered by the seizure of Union forts by the Confederacy early in 1861, said: "If any man dare pull down the American flag, shoot him on the spot." (An engraver's error on one issue of this token left it reading " ... shoot him on the spoot.")

In addition to this exhibit, the ANA is seeking other non-competitive exhibits for the Early Spring convention in Dallas. Commemorative medals will be given to those displaying an exhibit.

To obtain an exhibit application and receive hotel and convention center information, contact the American Numismatic Association, Convention Department, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279, or telephone 719/632-2646.

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